

God is Faithful Session 5 – Covenant Faithfulness

Hebrews 11:11 (KJV) – *Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.*

I. Review/Intro

A. Recap

1. Sarah's summary – She judged God and His promise faithful and true
2. It is the Word/Promise that you judge faithful that works for you
Who has believed our report – To whom it the arm of the Lord revealed.
3. Resting in the Promises of God – There is an unusual rest that comes from judging the promises of God faithful and true.

B. Covenant Faithfulness

1. Why is God faithful?
2. How is it that we can fully trust His Word/Promises?
3. God's Promises take on a different level of trust vs the promise of human beings.
4. **Numbers 23:19 (KJV)** – *God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?*

Numbers 23:19 (NIV) – *God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?*

Hebrews 6:17-18 (NIV) – ¹⁷*Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. ¹⁸God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged*

Psalms 89:35 (NLT) – *I have sworn an oath to David, and in my holiness I cannot lie*

5. God always speaks in Covenant Language
 - a. Covenant language is the strongest promise available
 - b. Covenant promises cannot be broken
 - c. God always obligates himself with this type of language
 - d. He has NO plans to alter the things He has spoken

Psalm 89:34 (NLT) – *No, I will not break my covenant; I will not take back a single word I said.*

Psalm 105:8-11 (KJV) – *⁸He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. ⁹Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; ¹⁰And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant: ¹¹Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance:*

- e. The Lord is a keeper of Covenant – A keeper of His Word
- f. This is why we can judge him faith and have FULL confidence and rest in what He has said he will do.

II. Examples of Covenant Promises at Work

A. God's Covenant enforces Legal Action

1. God Promises take authority over all other spiritual forces at work in this world.
2. A word from God will stand against every demon coming against your life.
3. A word from God will prevail over every circumstance and issue surrounding your life.
4. The Covenant of the Lord Prevails!
Sin, sickness, bondage, addiction, depression, anxiety, fear, etc.

Acts 10:36-38 (KJV) – *³⁶The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is LORD of all:) ³⁷That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; ³⁸How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who*

went about doing good, and healing all that were **oppressed** of the devil; for God was with him

- C. Oppressed – Greek – Exercise harsh control over one
To use one’s power against
To exercise dominion over
Hebrew – To exploit – by deceit – to bully**
- D. Oppression – is the power and authority gained by Satan at the Fall to exercise dominion over the human race on earth**
- **Sickness**
 - **Poverty**
 - **Lack**
 - **Depression**
 - **Plagues**
 - **Storms**
 - **Disasters**
 - **Wars**
 - **Famine**
 - **Every Evil Thing**
- E. Isaiah 54:13-17 (KJV) – ¹³And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children. ¹⁴In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be **far from oppression**; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. ¹⁵Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake. ¹⁶Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. ¹⁷No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.**

This is our Covenant Promise – that we will be FAR from oppression!

1. When Jesus comes, He will deal with the oppression of the enemy
 - a. Isaiah for-saw Jesus coming to break the power of oppression off of God's people – LEGALLY
 - b. Luke in Acts declares that Jesus came and did it!
2. Jesus takes away Satan's legal right to oppress God's people.
Because Adam gave his authority away to Satan = Satan had a legal right to oppress the human race
3. The oppressors will gather – but it will not be of God
 - a. They will fall for thy sake
 - b. No weapon will prosper
4. Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were OPPRESSED of the Devil

F. Example – The Covenant Daughter of Abraham

Luke 13:11-16 (KJV) – ¹¹And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. ¹²And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. ¹³And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. ¹⁴And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. ¹⁵The LORD then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? **¹⁶And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?**

1. She was oppressed of the Devil – being bound for 18 years
2. Jesus said – She ought to be free. Why?
3. She is a daughter of Abraham – COVENANT PERSON with COVENANT PROMISES
4. Jesus is declaring the validity, the power, the intention, authority, reliability of a covenant Word/promise. *She has it!*

III. We are Covenant people with Covenant promises

- A. I don't just have a casual promise; I have covenant promises that cannot be broken
- B. The covenant promises have an assignment on them
- C. My Covenant gives me a LEGAL RIGHT TO FREEDOM from all oppression!
- D. This is why I can make my stand upon the Word with assurance that what God has said He will do – He will make good on it.
- E. This is why I can make my stand in the Word with assurance that the Devil and all of this tactics must submit to the Promises of God and What he Jesus accomplished for me.
- F. This Is why I can judge the Word of God Faithful and true
- G. The Word that I judge faithful and true is the Word that works for me.

Isaiah 41:10-12 (KJV) – ¹⁰*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* ¹¹*"All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish.* ¹²*Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all.*

- This takes away my fear
- This takes away my worry
- This give me great peace
- This is my hope
- This is my confidence
- I refuse to be moved by these present circumstances
- I have the word of God
- I have the covenant promises of His protection
- I rest in his faithfulness
- Winning is my only option!